Summary of EGI workshop

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EGI Workshop in Catania

- Aggressive timescale to take over from EGEE on 1/5/10
  - No acceptance in EGI_DS that this is unrealistic
  - Still no consensus on the set of international tasks (coordination and general services)
- Transition requires milestones to be satisfied:
  - Establish EGI.org (Amsterdam was agreed). Appoint director and staff.
    - Not clear how these appointments can be done
  - Prepare EC proposals for calls closing in Autumn (Nov 09)
    - Need coordinators for these proposals – who?
- For EGEE to proceed with transition plans; need to know which NGIs will be present; which tools will remain etc. Not clear.
- CERN role not clear – does it have a vote?
- Could EGEE-III be extended to help transition?
  - But no more money

Role of CERN and WLCG

- Targeted call for EGI, in which they expect "full support for existing large communities" (i.e. WLCG)
    - Expect CERN to commit to using EGI services (but should be WLCG and not CERN, and cannot be a "commitment" no matter what)
- Competitive call for Middleware, Repositories, and services for communities
- Call for Small communities and Specialised Support Centres (e.g. for HEP?)

Statement from WLCG OB

- The WLCG Overview Board strongly supports the creation of a European Grid Infrastructure based on National Grid Initiatives with a European level coordination. In particular WLCG will rely on the National infrastructures to provide operational tools and services for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 sites in each country, and requires a European coordination body with which it, as an application community, can work together on requirements and evolution of the services. The Overview Board also supports the concept of a Specialised Support Centre for High Energy Physics, and WLCG would collaborate with EGI.org in the setting up of such an organisation.

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- The Overview Board is concerned about the timescales involved, in particular the timing of a transition between EGEE and the EGI/NGI model, which comes at a time during the first year of accelerator running when the disruption of existing services will be least tolerable. To this end the WLCG will work together with EGEE and the EGI_DS projects to propose and evaluate acceptable transition scenarios. There is also concern over the preparedness of the NGIs to be able to take over the core operation in 2010, and the Overview Board would like to see evidence of progress of the NGIs committing themselves to the EGI model.